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FULI,
the cheetah,
is the fastest.

BESHT
the hippo,
is the stronge

BUNGA,
the honey badger,
is the bravest.

KION,
the lion,
is the fiercest.

ONO,
the egret,
is the keenest
of sight.

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Hyenas are chasing the animals!

“Go back to the Outlands!” Kion cries.

Kion goes after Janja's crew.
The river moves fast.

Splash! Kion falls in!

Beshte and Bunga try to help.
"We're coming!" says Fuli.

"Rocks ahead!" Ono calls.

Kion swims to shore.

"I'm okay," Kion says.
"Uh-oh. This is the Outlands,"
Ono says.

Kion can't cross here.
"Meet me at Flat Ridge Rock," he says.

Bunga and his friends are lost!
"Where is Flat Ridge Rock?" Bunga asks.
The mongoose does not know.

The rhino does not know.

"There's Flat Ridge Rock!" Ono says.

Kion finds a trail.
Someone is watching him.

"My name is Jasiri. I can help you get to Flat Ridge Rock," the hyena says.

Kion does not listen.
He does not trust hyenas.
"That's the wrong way," says Jasiri.

"Whoaaa!" cries Kion.

Kion falls . . .

and falls.

Crunch! Kion is stuck.

"I gotcha now!" says Jasiri.

"Leave me alone!" says Kion.

"I'm freeing you, silly," says Jasiri.

"Hyenas don't help lions," says Kion.

"Not all hyenas are bad," Jasiri says.

"You're nice," Kion says.
"So are you," says Jasiri.

"We're not so different!" Jasiri says.

Jasiri sees Kion is hurt.
"I'll go with you," she says.

"There's Flat Ridge Rock," Jasiri says.

Kion thanks Jasiri.

"Good-bye, my friend," Kion says.

Kion sniffs the air. . . .
"I smell Janja!" he says.

Jasiri is in trouble!

How will she get away?

Kion roars!
The clouds roar with him.

"Let's get out of here!" Janja cries.

The Lion Guard is together.
They think Kion is in trouble.
"Back off, hyena!" says Fuli.

"No! She helped me. She's my friend," Kion says.

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"Then she's our friend, too," says Beshte. They all tell Jasiri good-bye. Kion hopes to see her soon.

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TEAMWORK! Although hyenas are often the villains of movies and stories, they are not bad by nature. Hyenas are really smart and usually work together to hunt old or sick antelope and other animals at night.

CHOMP! Hyenas have the strongest bite of any mammal. They usually eat every bit of their food, including the bones.

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